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Winty mix with a high of 33 and a low of 23.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 39 and a low of 8.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 46 and a low of 22.

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Mostly cloudy with a high of 46 and a low of 24.

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*"I used to take two a day. I cut back to once a day or every other day, depending on my funk."*

John Canery

## Faculty Senates Votes For No Minors Program

By JULIE STAVITSKI

Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday Dec. 4, the Faculty Senate voted 13-11 against a minors program at Mary Washington College.

The vote against developing a minors program at the college came after heated debate over the possibility that minors would negatively impact departments with a small number of majors and would reduce the number of double majors.

The minors program originally presented to the Faculty Senate by the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) last April was a 15 to 18 hour voluntary concentration in a single discipline. The decision for an individual department to create

a minor would have been left up to that specific department. The motion was tabled in April until the AAC provided the Senate with further research on the benefits and downsides to a minors program.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Phillip Hall, some of the questions asked of the AAC included what other school have minors, if minors are valuable in getting a job, and if there are any downsides that schools with established minors have with their programs.

Daniel Hubbard, assistant professor of Business Administration and chair of the AAC, said that the AAC conducted a survey of 994 students and 88.5 percent either agreed or strongly agreed that there should be a minors

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Julie Stavitski/Bullet

Faculty at the Senate Meeting.



Philip Griffith/Bullet

The fountain with water shooting up as high as 12 feet off the ground.

## Rain Lets Fountains Spring Forth

Fredericksburg Lifts Most Water Restrictions, But Drought Continues

By MARK TUBEN

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the effects of several weeks of rain were seen as the fountains at Monroe and Jepson Halls were operational for the first time this semester. This benefit came after a weekend in which the same rains had caused the porch of Madison Hall to be closed off with caution tape due to a waterlogged roof.

"The city revised water restrictions and permitted operating of the fountains," said John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president of Facilities Services. The city of Fredericksburg lifted all but two restrictions on water usage on Thursday, Nov. 14. The announcement was similar to one made the day before by Spotsylvania County, and the decision came after steady rains over the past few weeks totaled about 3 inches of precipitation and brought drought relief to the area.

According to Wiltenmuth, the college may also resume the watering of athletic fields when needed.

Dave King, assistant director of Public Works for the city, explained what recent rains mean to the college and

Fredericksburg.

"In the city basically every restriction has been lifted except for ones on the use of water from fire hydrants for any purpose other than fire suppression, and the serving of water unless specifically asked for in restaurants and cafeterias," King said.

King also said that the Motts Run reservoir, from which both the city and Spotsylvania County receive water, is now at full capacity and the Rappahannock River is at a much higher level, leaving the area "in much better shape."

The condition of the Madison Hall porch was evidence that the rain was also harmful.

"Someone came in and [told a desk aide] the roof over the porch was buckling in from all the rain water...you could actually see the wood slanted down" said Shana Lipford, a Madison Hall desk aide.

The porch was closed off by facilities services and Lipford sent out an email to hall residents explaining the situation. Wiltenmuth agreed there was reason for caution but was confident there was not a serious problem.

"There was a small amount of water leakage," he said.

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## 'It's No Fun'

Faculty Prepare To To Without Raises For Third Straight Year

By ADELE UPHAUS

Staff Writer

While no one stands to lose his or her job as a result of the budget cuts at Mary Washington College, faculty will still be among those most deeply affected.

The 2003-2004 school year will be the third year in a row without the promise of a pay raise for faculty, and the overall academic department operating budgets will be facing significant cuts. The adjunct staffing budget will also be greatly reduced.

"It's a big morale issue," said associate professor Steve Hampton, chairperson of the psychology department. "It's no fun."

According to Richard Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, the academic department operating budgets will be reduced by six percent for fiscal year 2003. The auxiliary budget will be down 11 percent, and Hurley estimates that the athletic department will receive most of the impact of that reduction. Print outs of cuts to academic affairs areas have gone out to the faculty and staff, but Hurley said that the budget office has been too busy filling out reports for the governor's office to run off cuts to other budget areas.

Within the academic affairs areas, the most significant cuts are to the adjunct staffing budget, which is down \$70,000, the academic department operating budgets, which are down \$54,312, and academic services, which is down \$70,200. The Dean of Faculty's office is taking a 20 percent cut.

Tuition will be raised \$225 per student for the spring 2003 semester, which Hurley estimates will bring in an additional \$935,000. Of this amount, \$765,000 is going to offset the potential elimination of a number of administrative positions. Hurley stressed that no specific positions were ever identified.

"At no point did we say, 'Joe Blow in admissions is going to lose his job as a result of this,'" Hurley said.

He said that as it stands, no one will lose his or her job due to the budget cuts.

Hurley said that the rest of the money from the tuition hike is going to offset cuts to academic affairs areas. However, faculty are still concerned about their ability to carry out their jobs with significantly less money.

Associate Professor Marsha Zaidman, chairperson of the computer science department, said that the cuts will have profound changes on her ability to teach. She said they have already affected her ability to copy handouts for class.

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## College Preparing To Open Marye's Heights Apartments

By KATE SHIFLET

Staff Writer

Next semester, Mary Washington College students will face a different housing selection process than in the past. According to Residence Life staff, upperclassmen will have the new choice of apartment-style living, and instead of signing up in for these units in April with the regular housing process, apartment hopefuls will fill the 350 slots in March.

"They'll know before Spring Break," Chris Porter, director of Residence Life, said. "There was a feeling students are eager to get this done." Porter said about the March sign-up process, and added, "We're working with the same timetable as students looking for off-campus housing."

First priority for Mary Washington College apartments, previously known as the Marye's Heights complex, will go to on-campus rising seniors.

"Next will be off-campus rising seniors," Porter said.

She said that because of last year's housing shortage, many people moved off-campus who would have preferred to stay on, and the college will invite them back to apply for the apartments.

"It's only fair to include them in a way that gives them a shot," Porter said.

Since the college's \$8.75 million purchase of Marye's Heights, a ten-building complex at the corner of William Street and College Avenue, Porter and a student advisory committee have been deciding how the apartments will function, from housing selection to living room furniture.

"It's an idea that's time has come," Porter said about apartment-style living at Mary Washington College. "We'll be able to offer the experience of living off-campus with the support of on-campus."

"A student advisor is helping pick [furniture] out," Porter said. "We're looking at tables, couches and chairs." She said the apartments also include newly renovated kitchens, a

fitness center and four laundry rooms.

The hardwood-floor apartments will house 350 students in 121 units, Porter said. Seven different layouts exist, ranging from a one-bedroom efficiency at 508 square feet to a large three-bedroom unit at 1460 square feet. These units triple the size of most residence hall dorm rooms, which approximate 180 square feet.

Porter added that she did not want to make all the decisions without student input. According to Aaron Miller, a member of the student committee, Porter has been very open to the concerns of the students.

"She sent us emails asking for our opinions," Miller said. "It seems like she wants to know what we think."

However, Miller mentioned that the student panel has not been involved in any significant decision-making yet. "We haven't really made any major decisions because everything's still up in the air," Miller said.

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# Police

By PORTSIA SMITH  
Assistant News Editor

## Beat



Nov. 13—Between 3:26 a.m. and 3:44 a.m., two students were observed in the Battleground parking lot. Upon questioning, they both presented fake identification cards. Both students were issued a summons to appear in court for violation of Virginia's Criminal and Motor Vehicle Code and referred to administration.

Nov. 13—Around 7:10 a.m., a staff member reported a missing trash can, cleaning supplies, and paper products from the first floor men's bathroom of Pollard Hall. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 13—A student reported her wallet, containing money, credit cards, and driver's license, had been lost. The wallet was eventually located in Seacoack Hall. Several attempts had been made to contact the student. In the meantime, before the student was able to reclaim her wallet, someone else, posing as the student, arrived at Seacoack and claimed the wallet. When the rightful student finally went to claim the wallet, she was informed that an impostor had already claimed it.

Nov. 14—About 1:15 a.m., a student reported receiving threatening instant messages from an unknown source. The student was advised of what actions to take. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 14—About 6 p.m., a student reported her ID wallet and keys missing from Goodrick Hall. The student had left the items on a table while she worked out. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 15—About 4 p.m., a student reported someone had removed his decal from his vehicle while it was parked in Goodrick lot. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 15—About 5:30 p.m., a student reported that his vehicle had been vandalized while parked in Sunken Road lot. The glass in the driver's door had been broken and it appeared someone had attempted to gain entry to the vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$300. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 15—About 11:45 p.m., a suspicious individual was reported going from room to room knocking on doors in Willard Hall. According to police, he was identified as Darryl Smith, 42, of Woodbridge. When asked why he was inside the residence hall, Smith first said he was looking for a place to watch TV, and then he said he was there to visit a female employee, who no longer worked at the college. He subsequently said he was inside the residence hall admiring work he had previously performed in the hall. A strong odor of alcohol was detected and he demonstrated signs of being intoxicated. Smith was arrested for being drunk in public.

Nov. 16—Eight students reported their vehicles had been vandalized, and items had been taken from their vehicles. All vehicles had been parked in the Battleground lot. Windows, windshields, tail lights, ignitions, and mirrors were broken. Over 150 CDs were stolen, along with radios and CD players. The combined cost, for vehicle damages and property stolen, was over \$6,000. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 16—About 12 a.m., a student reported her vehicle had been vandalized and items were stolen. The glass on the driver's door had been broken and a large quantity of CDs were removed. The combined cost of vehicle damage and property stolen was estimated over \$1,100. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 16—About 11:35 p.m., campus police responded to a residence at the request of the Fredericksburg Police Department. At the residence, alcohol was being served and at least 18 college students, all under 21, were in attendance. Four persons were identified as sponsors for the party and admitted allowing underage students to consume alcohol. In addition to any charges placed by the Fredericksburg police, the four persons were referred to administration.

Nov. 18—A student reported her vehicle had been vandalized while it had been parked in Sunken lot. The hood ornament, valued at \$20, had been broken off sometime between Nov. 12 and Nov. 14. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 18—Around 2:30 p.m., officers discovered a vehicle, belonging to a student, had been vandalized in William Street lot. The rear glass had been broken and a CD player

had been removed. The combined cost for vehicle damage and property stolen was over \$400. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 18—About 4:10 a.m., a student in Virginia Hall was awakened to find a nude, female sitting at the head of her bed. The female left the room and her destination was not known. No other information is known about the identity of the female.

Nov. 18—About 1 p.m., a staff member reported \$10 missing from her purse. The money was taken between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 19—About 3 a.m., a freshman student was observed to be operating a vehicle on campus while his license was suspended. He received a suspension notice, a summons, and was referred to administration.

Nov. 19—About 3:30 p.m., a student reported her vehicle had been damaged while parked in Marshall lot. The driver's side rear view mirror, valued at \$50, had been broken off sometime between Nov. 15 and Nov. 18. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 19—About 12 a.m., campus police were called to Russell Hall for a verbal disturbance involving students. Upon arrival, statements were taken and students were interviewed. The exact nature of the disturbance was not known. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 20—About 3 p.m., a student reported her backpack missing from Seacoack Hall. The backpack contained textbooks, notebooks, and other items valued at about \$200. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 23—Between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., unknown persons vandalized the third floor bathroom of Randolph Hall, by putting shaving cream on mirrors and shampoo on walls and the floor. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 24—Campus police responded to a call from Jefferson Hall regarding under-age possession of alcohol. Four students admitted to consuming between two and five beers during the course of an hour. All four students were referred to administration.

Nov. 26—Between Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, unknown persons vandalized the Mary Washington College sign, at the intersection of College Avenue and Double Drive, by breaking the Plexiglass covering. Damage was estimated at \$65. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 26—Between Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, a student reported her vehicle had been vandalized while parked at the Battleground lot. Unknown persons attempted to gain entry to the vehicle by punching out the lock on the driver's side. Damage was estimated at \$125. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 27—About 10:15 a.m., campus police responded to a call from Russell hall for found property. A real estate sign, that had been taken from a property on Sylvania Avenue. The person suspected of taking the sign had departed from campus for Thanksgiving break. The sign, valued at \$200, was returned to the real estate company, and the student was referred to administration.

Nov. 27—About 10:25 a.m., police say Damien Andrew Haussling, 30, of no fixed address, was found utilizing a computer inside Simpson Library. Haussling claimed to be a graduate student. Upon further investigation, it was determined that Haussling had been barred in May 2002. It was determined that Haussling had attended Mary Washington College, but his claim to be a graduate student could not be verified. He was escorted off campus and advised not to return.

Nov. 29—About 10:57 a.m., officers discovered an abandoned cooler/lunch box near Combs Hall. Upon opening the container for identification, a green leafy substance was discovered, along with other paraphernalia. After a brief search, police say Edwin Charles Shelton, 42, of Fredericksburg, identified the cooler, claimed ownership. A field test was conducted and the green leafy substance tested positive for marijuana. Shelton was arrested and released on summons for possession of marijuana.

Dec. 2—About 1:40 p.m., a student reported \$165 had been taken from her purse in Seacoack. The case is under investigation.

## Nation In Brief

By Lindsay Barton

### Dog Days of Christmas at the White House

WASHINGTON—Christmas at the White House this year has gone to the dogs, the birds, the goats and the horses. The theme this year is a menagerie of past presidential pets, reminding us of their comfort in tough times. The traditional 18-foot Christmas tree will have birds from the U.S. theme, with over 400 species represented, reported Reuters. "We picked animals just because there is a very interesting story about all the different animals that have lived in the White House," said First Lady Laura Bush. "But [we also picked animals] because our animals have been a great source of comfort to us ... since Sept. 11, 2001. They are a great amusement and distraction but they also make the White House home for us." Decorations will include paper-mache depictions of the pets, including horses and Calvin Coolidge's raccoons. There will also be depictions of sheep, which helped keep the lawn short during the World War I staff shortage.

### Santa's Not Just Visiting Kids Anymore

WILMINGTON, N.C.—Ernest Leverette Sr., dressed as Santa Claus, posed with some very happy pets at the Pender County Humane Society to help raise money for the shelter. Emma Jean the basket bound, Oscar the Yorkshire terrier, Doogie the poodle and Clementine the English bulldog had a group shot taken for the Kivlighan family, reported the Associated Press. April Farr, the Society's treasurer, said that the money will be a big help in paying the weekly \$2,500 it takes to operate the facility. Some animals didn't want to cooperate, as Patch the dog rested his forelegs on the arm of Santa's chair, but Alyssa Savonen's other dog, Annabelle, kept licking Leverette's face until Savonen warned her, "Do you want a spanking? Stop it!" Pets Plus manager "E." Moore said that people are more and more adding their pets to their Christmas shopping lists. "It's been a lot of fun," she said. "We've met a lot of people."

## Students Can Now Take Longer Showers

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"We will as a precaution do a follow up inspection and if it is, as we expect, fine, we will take the caution tape down," Wiltenmuth said.

The result of the inspection was the determination that the roof was safe as Wiltenmuth expected, and the caution tape was removed early Tuesday.

The latest rains were not the sole source of relief, but with above average rainfall in October as well, the region has made up for some of the effects of a summer that produced a rain total around 17 inches less than normal, according to the National Weather Service. The service also classified the Fredericksburg area conditions as "extreme drought," the most severe drought classification.

Public Works Assistant Director King says that despite the rains, the area has not fully recovered and encourages students to continue practicing conservation.

"During restrictions we were asking for shorter showers and for people to basically be water conscious and we're still asking folks to keep that routine," King said. "It's a whole lot easier when summer rolls around to already be in a routine instead of having to change your life."

Signs posted in residence halls this year asked students to keep showers under five minutes, to watch for leaks and report them immediately, to turn water off while they brush their teeth and shave, and to only wash full loads of laundry. These were not restrictions, but instead tips for conservation.

Senior John Canery changed his shower routine in an effort to conserve water.

"I take [fewer] showers," said Canery. "I used to take two a day. I cut back to once a day or every other day, depending on my funk."

For Canery, the change of routine was a small price to pay if it meant getting the fountains back on during his last year at Mary Washington College.

"I spent three years here with fountains, it's part of the college I came to and want to remember," he said.

Despite it's largely positive effects on campus, the rain began to wear on some students as the wet weather persisted.

"At first it was nice but then it got dreary and cold," said senior Katie Duffett. "But I know we really needed it and I'm glad the fountain is back, it adds something to the campus."

## Budget Cuts Affecting Classroom

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"This puts responsibility on the students to get a hold of the materials themselves," she said. "Some do and some don't."

Zaidman also said that the cuts will limit the faculty's ability to attend conferences and keep up with current research, which is continually changing in her area. In addition, she brought up the lack of a pay raise in the foreseeable future. "It definitely makes us feel less appreciated," she said.

Faculty will also be affected by the cuts to the Dean of Faculty's office. According to Phillip Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, what will be eliminated from his budget is his ability to help the faculty out with special projects they weren't prepared to pay for.

"That's what's going to suffer," he said. "We'll have to pare down to the basics."

The drastic cuts to the adjunct faculty budget are another source of anxiety. Addressing the possibility that adjunct faculty may lose their jobs, adjunct professor Peggy Scolaro said, "Of course it's a concern."

She hopes that having taught at the college for six years and being a graduate of the school will give her a cushion of safety should the rumors become a reality.

"I was very concerned about it at first," she said, "but I've heard that adjuncts don't have much to worry about because we're cheap labor."

Hurley clarified that the cuts to the adjunct staffing budget mainly eliminate the "pass-around program," through which full-time faculty are relieved from teaching a complete course load through the hiring of adjunct professors. The elimination of the program means that no new adjunct faculty can be hired, but Hurley does not anticipate having to drop any existing adjunct positions. However, he said this does mean that each full-time professor at the college will be teaching a complete course load of four classes next year.

Mary Washington College's budget cuts are part of the statewide budget cuts mandated by Virginia governor Mark Warner. According to Hurley, the college must cut a total of \$1.8 million from its operating budget as part of these cuts.

## How Will Life Be At Marye's Heights?

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One such major decision is the issue of pricing for these units. According to Porter, the office of Business Affairs, the President's Office, the Office of the Executive Vice President, and the Board of Visitors will ultimately set the rent at the apartments.

Rick Pearce, in the office of Business Affairs, said he has figures for the apartments' boarding costs, but is pending approval from President Anderson, upon which these prices will be released.

Though she is still waiting for a price from these administrative offices, Porter said, "They will be slightly higher than the dorms."

According to the Admissions Office, an on-campus room this year cost \$3,068.

Porter and the student committee plan to require a meal plan for apartment dwellers, but are looking at the five-meal commuting plan as an option rather than the more costly 15-meal plan since students may cook their other meals in their kitchens.

"Because the apartments are considered on-campus and a transition experience, it was felt a minimal meal plan would help support students," Porter said.

Porter mentioned that the apartments will combine off-campus living with on-campus conveniences. She said students tend to move off-campus for three reasons: they seek privacy, less rules, and different meal options.

Porter and the student committee has been working to make sure these needs are addressed in the apartments.

With 115 single rooms, most of which are 11' x 11', many college apartment dwellers will find privacy. Those who share double rooms will still have more space overall—the apartments have dining rooms, living rooms, kitchens, and balconies to spread out on. At least 18 students will find themselves with 7' x 8' walk-in closets.

Rules will exist, just as they do at off-campus apartments or houses, but the community will have a different feel than the dorms.

According to Porter, resident assistants will report maintenance issues, serve as liaisons to campus, and focus programs more on community development. Porter said she hopes the apartments will serve as transition points from campus living to real-world housing. Accordingly, she envisions RAs teaching residents about mortgages, how to find apartments, budgeting and cooking helpful meals.

On-campus junior Megan Headley said she likes the idea of the college apartments and hopes to live there.

"I like [the thought of] having a real apartment but without the stress—the college takes care of amenities like cable, TV and computer," Headley said. "You won't have to pay bills, heating bills—it's all taken care of," she said.

# Viewpoints

your opinions

## FAST FACT:

The first motion picture theater opened in Los Angeles, Calif. on April 2, 1902.

## Editorial

### Not Such A Minor Decision

According to an April 4, 2002 *Bullet* article, Mary Washington College is currently the only college in the state without minors. While this may be perceived as negative to current and potential students, it is important to look at how a minors program would affect the entire academic experience.

Mary Washington is a liberal arts school. The major requirement for most disciplines is at least 39 credits, no more than 55 credits. At a minimum, this is only one third of the credits needed to graduate. The other two thirds go into the general education and across the curriculum requirements, and also allow space for a second major. According to a survey presented to the Faculty Senate by the AAC, the number of double majors would drop if minors were offered. This could cause numerous problems in disciplines with few majors.

However, the legitimacy of a minor on a transcript as opposed to the current concentration should not be disputed. With job openings getting even more competitive, employers are beginning to nit-pick over details, and a student with "minor" on their transcript might look more appealing than a student who says "concentration."

We feel that the minors decision is an important one and agree that the decision should be put off until more empirical data is found and more questions answered, we hope the subject will be brought up in the future when the benefits of a minor are more clear.

### Blood Drive

The Campus Blood Drive turned away potential donors on Nov. 22. On Nov. 21, less than 50 percent of the slots were filled so an email was sent requesting donors. The response overwhelmed the Red Cross, who collected approximately 100 units of blood before running out of bags.

Circle K, who runs the blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross, says that the Mary Washington College blood drive is one of the best in the Washington D.C. and Richmond area. This month's student response was so great, Circle K and the Red Cross are planning an even bigger one in January or February in hopes that they won't have to turn people away.

Whoever accuses Mary Washington College's students as being apathetic and uncaring should look at the blood drive.

# Death Penalty Debate

## ALEXIS WRIGHT

Guest Columnist

As the 18th-century philosopher John Stewart Mills stated, "he who violates the right to live in another, forfeits it for himself, and that while no other crime that he can commit deprives him of his right to live, this shall." The death penalty is a necessary tool of the American justice system and should not be abolished.

The death penalty is only sentenced to .01 percent of convicted murderers, 64 percent of whom have a history of committing felonies. Post-sentencing criminals have an upwards of ten years to make appeals to a higher court for retrial and to the governor for clemency. The chance of an innocent person going through this extensive appeals process and not being cleared of the crime is nominal at best.

Life without parole is not always an adequate alternative. It does not eliminate the risk that the prisoner will murder a guard, a visitor, another inmate, or escape and murder outside of prison. Also, except for those given no chance of parole, the average time served for a life-in-prisoner is eight years. Since parole laws are apt to change in different legislative sessions, we cannot depend on them to keep murderers off the streets.

Further, the death penalty has a

significant deterrence factor. Over the last twenty years multiple studies have found that for every one murderer put to death, anywhere from seven to 18 murders are deterred. Dudley Sharp of the group Justice For All concurrently found that, "as the use of the death penalty has increased over the years, the amount of murders has decreased by 44 percent. The murder rate is now at its lowest level since 1966."

Another compelling argument is that it gives the families of victims a much-needed sense of closure to their own nightmare. Many families also need to know that the perpetrator who killed their loved one is no longer a threat to others.

Instead of abolishing the death penalty, we should focus on improving the public defense system. That would protect innocent defendants of all types of crime from erroneous convictions. I also propose that DNA evidence be used more frequently in capital punishment cases, regardless of the cost, so that there is concrete proof that the defendant is at fault. Wanting to safeguard the justice system is an admirable pursuit; however the death penalty is not the source of its problems. It's one of its most valuable tools.

Alexis Wright is a junior.

## MARK STURM

Guest Columnist

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am now going to talk to you about the death penalty. I argue that it should be done away with as a system of justice. Capital punishment is utterly useless in that it fails to deter crime. Additionally, it is a system that is by nature often faulty. Most importantly however, there is a very viable alternative that I propose, should be implemented.

By use of the following evidence, I will show you that on a practical level, the death

penalty is useless. A recent Heart Research poll indicates that when asked to list their deterrents of choice for violent crime, American Police Chiefs placed the death penalty at dead last. Additionally, 67 percent of all law enforcement officers do not feel capital punishment decreases the rate of homicides. In fact, only three percent of police officers see the imposition of the death penalty as one of the most useful weapons in their fight against crime. Finally, 82 percent of the nation's law enforcement officials believe that criminals do not think about possible

punishments when they commit a crime.

Much worse and far scarier than just being useless, capital punishment is also extremely faulty. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. said in 1994, "Perhaps the bleakest fact of all is that the death penalty is imposed not only in a freakish and discriminatory manner, but also in some cases upon defendants who are actually innocent."

A review of death penalty judgments over a 23-year period by the American Civil Liberties Union, found a national error rate of 68 percent. In a matter of life and death, we are getting it wrong more than two out of every three times.

I believe I have shown you that the death penalty is a diseased and misguided institution. Now, for the most important part: What can we do instead? On average, it costs six times as much to kill one person as it costs to incarcerate that person for life. Rather than use the costly, ineffective, and often faulty death penalty, why not adopt a plan of life sentences (parole or no parole as the situation warrants) with restitution to the families of the victims? Wouldn't it be a far better plan to put more money into helping the victim than into destroying the killer? The death penalty simply is not worth it.

Mark Sturm is a senior.

## POINT COUNTER POINT



## Letters to the Editor

### Would The Real Andrew Everton Please Stand Up?

Dear Editor:

This week my friend Erin Ryan and I were talking, and she said in passing, "Nice letter in the *Bullet*. Way to bring everyone down, moron." I was kind of surprised. Letter? What letter? Why I haven't sent a letter to the *Bullet* since before I graduated last May.

A quick call to my friend Nick Bogner cleared things up. He was bored one night last week and wrote the letter as a joke. "I never dreamed they would publish it," he said. "They never even wrote back to confirm it."

I have to say that, while I do think this is really funny, I am a little troubled that anybody who wanted to could write a letter to the *Bullet* in my name and have it published. What if the author had not been my friend? What if he had taken the opportunity to espouse some appalling view? People might be left thinking that I am a racist or an anti-semitic or a supporter of President Bush.

As it is, I have only a few minor things to clear up.

1. I do not drink Lite Beer. I drink dark, manly beer. Beer that is full of calories and content to be so.

2. I do not work 30 hours a week. This week, between a temp job and working at Barnes and Noble I will work close to 70 hours. Yes that is a lot, but please note that I am not whining about it. Please also note that I can afford to buy beer when I want it. I sometimes even treat

myself to expensive foreign beers, like Newcastle.

3. I do not watch the Real World. Sometimes I have been known to pause on it as I flip through the channels, but I see what is going on, express my disgust, and then move on to Bravo or PBS or something else with a little class.

Yes, graduating is an adjustment, one that I have not really made yet. After all, I work at Barnes and Noble. But the important thing here is that I am not that annoying guy who thinks he is really wise and has lots to share with all of the people at his old college. I am not that guy. I would never presume to address strangers condescendingly about what I know the future has in store for them. They will discover how crappy the future is on their own and without any help from me.

When my name appears in print below a letter I like it to be one that I wrote.

Andrew Everton graduated in 2002.

### Wanting Diversity More Than Words

Dear Editor:

This past Monday, Dec. 2, the Black Student Association put on their annual Kwanzaa celebration in the Faculty Dining Room at Seacoast. The BSA traditionally celebrates Kwanzaa the week before classes recess for winter break. This year, in an effort to include more people in our celebration, the BSA sent out personal invitations to over 75 faculty and

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# Features

extras about people and places

## Fast Fact:

Thoroughbred horses are so thin-skinned, their veins are visible beneath the skin, especially on the legs.

## thumbs



to the library being closed last Sunday.



to the possibility of snow this Thursday.



to being the most homogenous campus in the nation.



to water in the fountains.



to vandals terrorizing our campus.



to the final week of classes.

## in the stars

**Aries** - You will become trapped in the sofa, again. People will point and laugh.

**Taurus** - Your popularity is on the rise. People think of you as warm and fuzzy, and have a secret desire to hug you.

**Gemini** - Today will be especially trying, and if you're not careful, you could end up grumpy. Take precautions! Wear your E.T. underwear.

**Cancer** - Remember: good people are good because they gain wisdom through failure. So, there's every reason to believe you'll become wise very soon.

**Leo** - You will get a notion to become a street food-vendor, and will make yourself a food serving cart for the "Burger Baron."

**Virgo** - Good time to get your finances in order. Luckily, in your case that simply means putting the one dollar bills in front of the fives in your wallet.

**Libra** - You will be buffeted by hordes of people, who will all simultaneously show up in your office "just to chat."

**Scorpio** - It's time for you to consider being kinder to your feet.

**Sagittarius** - You will discover a new "Fifth Law" of Thermodynamics.

**Capricorn** - Today you will suddenly realize how sensuous pudding can be.

**Aquarius** - You will be hired as a cook/housekeeper for seven extremely short gentlemen who all live together. Stay away from apples for a while.

**Pisces** - Excellent day to run a new metaphor up the flagpole, and see if anyone salutes.

# Alumni Remember College Days

By MARY SCHMOTZER  
Staff Writer

The college years: a time of having fun with friends, growing as a person, discovering what to do with the rest of your life. As graduation approaches, does anyone really anticipate returning to their alma mater to make a career?

Quite a few Mary Washington College graduates have returned here to work as faculty and staff. One thing they all have in common is a love of the college.

Assistant Director of News and Information Services Teresa Mannix just graduated last December with a B.A. in Journalism. She chose to attend Mary Washington College because she loved the campus and the fact that it is a smaller school.

Her favorite professor was Dr. William Crawley, distinguished professor of history. "His lectures were always interesting and he's someone you can learn a lot from," Mannix said. "One of my friends and I wanted to clap at the end of lectures," she added.

She has other fond memories from her undergraduate years here, including the typical campus favorites: getting ice cream at Carl's, staying up all night talking with friends, and sledding on trash bags in the winter.



Alumnus and Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker in his office.

Peter Kelley/Bulletin

A more unusual memory comes from her days on the cross country team. "One time on a trip to Tennessee we decided to see how many people would fit in the bus bathroom. Our total was 15," Mannix said with a laugh.

After graduation she worked as a copy editor for the Northern Virginia Journal Newspapers. Soon she found out about a job opening in MWC's Office of College Relations, where she had worked as a student. She applied and got the job. "I was nervous about changing the direction of my career because I wanted

to be a news reporter, but it was well worth it," she said.

**"I knew I wanted to teach. When I came here and saw the freedom professors had, I thought it was great."**  
Jeffrey McClurken

Jeffrey McClurken, instructor in the Department of History and American Studies, graduated with the class of 1994. Having just visited the College of William and Mary, he came to preview day here: "There was just a completely different feeling here, and I spent several hours talking to the history department chair [Porter Blakemore], McClurken said.

He entered MWC as a history and physics double major, but by junior year

dropped physics.

"I knew I wanted to teach. Initially I thought high school, but when I came here and saw the freedom professors had, I thought it was great," he said.

After graduation he took a year off and worked with a professor from the University of Virginia on a Web project, Valley of the Shadow, that focuses on Civil War history. The project has won a number of awards and is soon to be produced in CD-ROM and book form.

Following that project he attended graduate school at Johns Hopkins University on a full scholarship. His thesis dealt with reconstructing the Confederate veterans' families, which he just completed and had approved this past August after seven years of work on it.

In the fall of 1999, McClurken took a position as an adjunct professor here at

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Peter Kelley/Bulletin

History instructor Jeffrey McClurken.

# To Serve and Protect College Police Officer Shows Interest In Children

By LAUREN DeANGELIS  
Staff Writer

Students joke that Mary Washington College Police Department patrol officer Joe Gagliardi wears his gun in the shower because he takes his job very seriously. However, it's not Mary Washington College students that weave this tale, but a group of seventh and eighth

graders at Prospect Heights Middle School in Orange County, where Gagliardi volunteers much of his spare time. Gagliardi serves as law enforcement liaison for the Discovery Program at the middle school, a unique "school within a school" that utilizes an experimental, hands-on approach and outdoor instruction to supplement the academic curriculum.

"Joe has been a critical part of our program since its creation in 1996," says Andy Mink, Discovery Program director. "His role has evolved from law enforcement liaison to an adult with an incredibly positive, strong influence on our middle school students."

Originally working as a Community Services bike cop in the town of Orange, Gagliardi said that he was delighted to be selected by the Police Department as part of an effort to get more involved with the local school.

"I not only love the outdoors and all it represents—hiking, camping, and so forth—I also truly enjoy interacting with kids," Gagliardi said.

According to Mink, in the last seven years Gagliardi has joined the students for over 250 outdoor adventures totaling over 10,000 miles throughout five states in the mid-Atlantic region.

Gagliardi's primary function began as bus driver for activities, but he quickly became a mentor and

teacher to the kids. Mink said that the students see Gagliardi as a friend and advocate more than anything else.

"When they see him, they don't see a badge or a gun," Mink said. "They see Joe, the person, someone who can help rather than hurt them. They began to see him as much more than a cop."

According to Mink, original founder of Discovery, the Program enrolls 25 percent of the 90 to 100 kids who apply each year for a total enrollment of 48 seventh and eighth graders. Applicants are chosen based completely on diversity and a lottery system is used to finalize the choices.

Gagliardi's dynamic role in the program has been a contributing factor to its success. Eighth grader Kelsey Powell noted Gagliardi's commitment to the program.

"He's always driven us on every trip even if he has had no sleep the night before," she said. "Joe takes time off of work and dedicates all of his free time to us. There isn't a Discovery

without Officer Joe."

Gagliardi's warmth, sense of humor and strength have also made him a valuable companion to the students.

"Joe is so kind," said eighth grader Katherine Ridgeway. "When we went canoeing one time, my boat was having problems. Joe came up next to us and switched with my partner and rowed me back to shore. Half the time he told me I could just sit there. He is not just a cop but also a life saver."

Mink said that Gagliardi's can-do attitude makes him especially focused on giving students the

confidence and skills they need to work through obstacles.

"Joe likes to push you not to be scared and to try new things," eighth grader Brian Wilson said. "On our trip to the High Ropes course, I was afraid of heights and he motivated me to overcome my fear."

The positive impacts Gagliardi sees on the kids is one of the factors that has kept him involved with the Discovery program for so long. When he was an officer in Orange, working with Discovery was convenient for Gagliardi. Yet even when he began working for the Mary Washington College Police Department just over a year ago, Gagliardi's dedication to the program did not wane.

Seventh grader Claire Mawdsley pointed out that after a night shift Gagliardi would always be there to escort the students, even if it meant he had to skip an activity to sleep on the bus.

"First he puts down two boards across from each other," Mawdsley said of Gagliardi's sleeping contraption. "Then he puts a mat and sleeping bag over the boards for a nice enjoyable nap."

Aside from working with Discovery, Gagliardi's hobbies include target practice and gardening. He also raises goats and makes cheese at his home in Locust Grove, Orange County, where he lives with his wife, Leslie, also a Discovery supporter. Gagliardi owns four goats that he uses for milking and backpacking.

Gagliardi's work with Discovery is by far his most important and time-consuming hobby. Perhaps seventh grader Braden Jones put it best when he spoke of Gagliardi's generosity.

"Joe is a great guy who spends his own time to take the kids from

Discovery all over just out of his own heart," Jones said. "If everyone were as nice and selfless as Joe, then this would be a great world."

**"Joe likes to push you not to be scared and to try new things."**  
Brian Wilson

**"When they see him, they don't see a badge or a gun. They see Joe, the person, someone who can help rather than hurt them."**  
Andy Mink



Jackie Mancini/Bulletin

Officer Scott Worley in front of the lost and found closet.

## Discovering The Lost And Found

By DARIELLE SMOLIAN

Staff Writer

"There's a lost and found here?" was the most common response I received when I asked my peers if they had ever been to the lost and found here on campus. But there I was, a few days later, staring it right in the face.

"Wow, this is 'it'!"

I said to Valeria Soulsby, the dispatcher and records clerk of the Mary Washington College Police Station. Though

honestly I was not quite sure what to expect. What I had just observed was the tiny lost and found "shed" located in the Police Station on the first floor of Lee Hall. It was right next to a lone toilet and some nearby lockers. The door was about shoulder-width wide and had wooden slats. The inside of this elusive lost and found contained a tall shelf with many labeled boxes reading "Jewelry," "notebooks," "sunglasses," and such. It was as if I had entered a second-hand thrift shop.

According to Soulsby, there is a logbook that has a record of every single item that has been brought into the lost and found.

The strangest item ever retrieved and brought in was a roll of toilet paper.

"I think that would have to be the strangest thing," Soulsby said.

I think it's safe to say that if I'd ever lost a roll of toilet paper that I would never want it back let alone actually come to get it.

Apparently, this roll of toilet paper was brought in by a city resident that walks around campus frequently, finding all sorts

of articles along the campus. He even brings in bolts that he suspects the grounds men have lost.

Soulsby explained that lost and found items are kept at the Station from 60-90 days before they are sent to be sold at the surplus cell located at Facilities Services. Even in this case, a message is sent out through Voice

Services at the end of each semester alerting students to come by the Police Station if they've ever lost anything. "We look for names [in or on the items] to see if it

belongs to anyone," Soulsby said.

The most common items contained in the lost and found include sweaters, jackets and notebooks.

The items are collected from all areas of campus, although the library tends to be the biggest supplier of students goods. A few things are found and brought over from academic buildings and campus walk, according to Soulsby.

There is close to a 50/50 split on the amount of items that get picked up and the ones that remain.

"Quite a bit is left here," Soulsby said. I certainly noticed this after peering into the shed.

Upon discovering the lost and found, I strangely felt that my Mary Washington College experience was now complete. It's also good to know that if you lose something, there's a chance you'll actually get it back.

### First Person



# Talented Transfer Student Trains Race Horses

By DIANA McMillion

Staff Writer



Maryland, Florida, California, New Mexico, and France, almost all my moves were horse related," Rich said.

Her love of the equine began in her earliest days.

"I grew up with horses and my mother, Patricia Rich Turner, was a jockey in the 70s, mostly in Vermont, New York, and New Jersey," Rich said. "There were even fewer women jockeys back then. I went to work with her almost everyday, whether it was at the racetrack, on a thoroughbred breeding farm [or] at a foxhunting stable. We even lived at the Middleburg Equine Clinic for five years when she was a vet tech."

I learned everything in my early days from her and from reading every book about horses I could find.

Skill with horses seems to run in Rich's family. While her mother was a jockey, her father, Bill

Turner, is a well-known figure in the world of horse training. He is the only living trainer to have won the Triple Crown. He trained Seattle Slew—the famous thoroughbred who won the Triple Crown in 1977. Only an "elite eleven" horses have achieved this honor by



winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes all in the same racing season.

With this kind of lineage, one could only expect Jessica Rich to do great things with horses. Rich has been something of a jack-of-all-trades in the horse world, acting as a trainer, jockey, barn manager, riding instructor, and she is a licensed exercise rider and horse owner. She has accomplished all of this by the age of 27, in a sport heavily dominated by men.

"There are very few women trainers on the track and even fewer jockeys in a very male dominated, macho sport," Rich notes.

Rich still rides a couple of times a week at Hazelwild farm, but her horse time has been cut short by her pursuit of her BLS degree and a major in print communications. She's decided that she needs skills besides expertise with horses because of a serious back injury.

"I love the horses, [but] it can grind you down as it is a seven-day-a-week job and leaves little space for other interests,

of which I have many," Rich says.



## Commuting Student Association

The Commuting Student Association is having a meeting this Thursday at 5 in the Tan Lounge. We will have a guest speaker to talk about the dining committee. We will also talk about our plans for next semester. Come and learn about commuting student issues and have holiday snacks with us!!

## Back In The 'Burg

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Peter Kelly/Bulletin

Cedric Rucker.

MWC. He taught two classes, as well as two classes at the University of Maryland in Baltimore County. He had hoped to end up at a place like Mary Washington College.

"I wanted to work with small classes and have interactions between faculty and students that are positive," he said.

McClurken is now full time here and said he is very happy here and hopes to stay as long as possible.

"The first semester here was pretty weird, but everyone was great. It was weird to stand on the other side of the desk in rooms where I had class," he laughed.

Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker is also a Mary Washington graduate, class of 1981 with a B.A. in sociology. He wanted to go to a small school that wasn't

predominantly black, and Mary Washington College fulfilled those requirements, as well as having a solid reputation.

During his first two years at Mary Washington College he was the only black male. "At first I thought the toughest adjustment would be being the only black male, but it was being one of the few males," Rucker said.

The community was close-knit back then as well, as he found during his first semester. While running across Ball Circle one day, he was stopped by President Woodard who said, "We don't like you to establish pig paths. To this day I don't walk on the grass," Rucker said.

Going into college, Rucker had wanted to be an attorney, but after an internship, decided against it. In the sociology department, professor Bruce London quickly became one of his heroes. "He was so brilliant and had a way of connecting to students," he said.

After graduation, he went to the University of Virginia for his masters degree, and was convinced to stay and take a job in the admissions office. He became so connected to the school that he was known as "Mr. UVA." He took leave to complete the doctoral program then once returning to admissions, became the liaison for Student Activities.

Soon after there was an opening here at Mary Washington College in Student Affairs. "I had never dreamed of coming back here," Rucker said.

He applied, received and accepted the job, but his friends couldn't believe he'd leave the University of Virginia because they said "no one leaves UVA."

Upon returning here in 1989, Rucker realized that things had changed a great deal. He has been very happy here and has much interaction with students. "You are in a special place. I love walking down campus smiling and talking to individual students," he said.

As these graduates prove, Mary Washington College is a great place to work, as well as receive an education. Because of their great experiences here, they are now helping the rest of the campus community enjoy their time here as much as they did.

# Sports

the latest athletic news and information

## Fast Fact:

In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees.

## schedule

### Men's Basketball

Dec. 6: at York College

### Men's Swimming

Dec. 6-8: at Franklin & Marshall

### Track & Field

Dec. 6: at Christopher Newport

### Women's Basketball

Dec. 6: at York College

### Women's Swimming

Dec. 6-8: at Franklin & Marshall

## scores

### Men's Basketball

Dec. 1: Emory & Henry  
W 83-64

### Men's Swimming

Nov. 23: York College  
W 80-40  
Gallaudet University  
W 81-17

### Women's Basketball

Dec. 3: Marymount University  
L 75-66

### Women's Swimming

Nov. 23: York College  
W 80-40  
Gallaudet University  
W 81-26

## athlete of the week

### Cris Hairston Men's Basketball

Junior forward scored 23 points and was named MVP of the Food Country Invite Tournament.



Katy Valluzzo/Bullet

Sophomore Jon Hurd plays the defender against a teammate in a recent practice.

## Eagles Off To Fast Start Men's Basketball Holds 4-1 Record

By CORY TEMPLEMAN  
Staff Writer

Three straight wins, the Food Country Invite Tournament title and a 4-1 record to start the season.

The Mary Washington College men's basketball team is on cruise control going into their conference schedule, and all they can see is their opponents in the rearview mirror.

The Eagles opened the 2002-2003 season with a thrilling 74-69 overtime win over 24th ranked Cabrini College in the Shenandoah University Tipoff Tournament.

MWC held a 32-22 lead at halftime before squandering the lead in the second half, enabling Cabrini to force overtime. However, the Eagles scored 10 points in the extra period to pull away with the five-point win.

Senior forward Dan Dupras paced

MWC with 18 points while junior guard Evan Fowler poured in 17 points and dished out five assists.

Though the Eagles fell to Shenandoah University in the final game of the tournament, they came away with a second place finish and a solid win over a ranked opponent.

In their final pre-season tournament of the year this past weekend, MWC claimed the Food Country Invite Tournament at Emory and Henry College.

In the first round, the Eagles knocked off Centre College 80-61, leading most of the game by double digits.

Forward Jon Hurd, a transfer from Christopher Newport University, led the scoring barrage for MWC with 16 points while fellow teammates Cris Hairston and Brett Lively each dropped in 15.

The tournament championship pitted the Eagles against the hosts, Emory and Henry College.

Undaunted, MWC erupted for 44 second half points to pull away for a 83-64 win over the home team. Hairston poured in a game-high 23 points, while Erik Rodriguez and Lively pitched in 13 points in the win.

For his efforts, Hairston was named tournament MVP, along with Fowler who was selected to the all-tournament team.

The Eagles are outscoring opponents by 18.5 points per game in their four wins and are getting solid contributions from starters and role players alike.

The rest of the Capital Athletic Conference should take notice. The Eagles are ready to turn some heads this year and leave their rivals in the dust.

## Women's Basketball Defeated by Marymount

By PAM KRAMER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Mary Washington College Women's basketball team fell Tuesday night to Capital Athletic Conference rival Marymount University Saints, 75-66, to make their record 0-4.

Throughout the duration of the game, the Eagles were often down by more than 15 points, even though it felt like a closer game.

This was mostly due to the fact that the Saints simply did not miss very often. The game began right off of the jump as Marymount quickly scored two. However, junior Adrienne Barnes answered for two points on the Eagles side.

Marymount continued to dominate however, bringing the score to 8-2 when the Eagles coach Becky Timmins called a timeout to try and re-focus the Eagles.

The Saints were running away with the game, tallying a 17-4 score before freshman Jenn Olinger and sophomore Laura Hanks each sank three pointers for the Eagles.

"I think we played in spurts last night. We would play great for a few minutes and then we would be flat. Our team needs to learn how to play 40 minutes of basketball," Hanks said.

The story of the game was Marymount senior Jodie Knotts who tallied 21 points and nine rebounds, including three three-pointers.

When the Eagles seemed to be coming back, Knotts scored. When the Saints seemed to be lagging, Knotts scored. She was certainly a force to be reckoned with.

"Coach told me before the game that #23 [Knotts] was the heart and soul of their team and their leading scorer. I was trying to keep her from driving inside, but unfortunately she was hot from behind the arc," Hanks said.

In addition to help from this senior, the Eagles were also hurt by Saints freshman Meghan Denham who scored nine points and tallied six rebounds as well as senior

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## Lights Out For MWC Swimmers Team Relaxes In The Pool Before Big Meet This Weekend

By RYAN FINDLEY  
Assistant Sports Editor

The lights are completely off, and the soft sounds of Enya can be heard over the speakers in the Goolrick pool.

Someone walking by might assume that the college has decided to implement supplemental income for its budget woes by renting out the pool to a senior citizens swim aerobics class. Better yet, they might think that the Mary Washington College's synchronized swim team had its budget cut so drastically that it could no longer afford lights at their practices.

Both guesses, while educated, would be wrong.

Some teams have rally cries, some teams have team songs that they like to listen to while taking the field, while other athletes prepare for big games by eating

a certain meal before each game.

The MWC swim team mentally prepares for each big meet by having a 45 minute float in the Goolrick pool with the lights out while they listen to Enya.

"It is a relaxation technique our coach came up with and we call it floating," freshman Caitlin Kelly said.

Junior Brent Kintzer enjoys the relaxation time.

"It's mental preparation. It kind of clears you from thinking about exams and crap," Kintzer said.

Whatever the theory and motivation behind the team's float every Thursday before a big meet, it seems to be working for the Eagles this season.

They have been virtually untouchable both inside and outside their conference this year, winning

**"Leadership, depth and a lot of upperclassmen make a win at the meet very realistic."**

Lauren Schmidt



Photo Courtesy of Lydia Haas

Sophomores Sean Donohue and James Thomas off the block.

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# Native American Mascot Controversy

COMMENTARY BY RANDY FULK  
Special to The Bullet

High schools, colleges and professional sports should not be allowed to use mascots that have Native American implications.

The use of these mascots are not only stereotyping a culture, but they are also making many racial suggestions that would not be allowed if we were dealing with another race. The stereotypes that are made from the use of Native American mascots encourage how us, as Americans of non-native origin, to have certain biases and prejudices.

All images of Native Americans are distorted because of these mascots. It may not necessarily be the actual symbols that are offensive, but what the symbols mean and lead to is offensive.

Mascots perpetuate racial stereotypes. Native Americans are humans, not mascots. The mascots have even worse connotations when they are represented improperly. This shows a lack of respect

and honor.

The reason that racial mascots are still present in today's society is an issue of power. Native Americans for many years had a lack of power in our country.

They have slowly gained many rights, but they do not have the power and control in our government system to have an impact.

Many years ago, there were numerous racial slurs and overtones in our society. These racial slurs not only affected Native Americans, but also Mexicans and African Americans.

Now most of these slurs have gone away over the years through civil rights movements.

There should be more groups and organizations that are in support of changing the names of mascots.

These groups are the leaders of this controversy and need the support of the people to

make a change.

Why do the Native American mascots continue to be present in our society?



Photo courtesy of www.espn.com

Chicago Blackhawks mascot

## Swim Teams Undefeated

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every meet this season. The women's team is 8-0 and the men's team, for the first time in MWC history, is 9-0 for the fall season. Both teams are anxious to cap off a first semester this weekend at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational.

"The girls usually win this tournament or at least finish second every year. Last year the guys' team took fourth at the tournament, but this year the guys should take second if we don't take first," junior Brian Bradley said.

While the women's team has traditionally done well at the Invitational, the men's team has not fared as well in the tournament in past years.

"I don't think we have ever won the F & M [Franklin & Marshall] Tournament, and this year we definitely have a shot. We have all of the guys back from last year plus three new guys that have stepped up as freshmen. We have a lot of depth this year and we want to use it to focus on getting our relay teams to Nationals," Bradley said.

The women's team strengths are very similar to the men's team.

"Leadership, depth and a lot of upperclassmen make a win at the meet very realistic," sophomore Lauren Schmidt said.

Kelly agrees that the team must capitalize on its depth and its ability to swim well in every event.

However, Kelly feels that the most important aspect of the meet will be the team's ability to stay focused.

"Staying mentally tough all three days will be key for our team," she said.

If practice makes perfect, the team should be mentally floating into nirvana this weekend seeing as the team will spend time mentally preparing with a relaxing float in the Goodrick pool before the meet.

"We have been doing really well both mentally and physically so far this season, and we are looking to slip it into first place at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational this weekend," Bradley said.



## Sports Wire

Compiled by Liz Keller



### First Woman To Play In PGA Event

Suzi Whaley will become the first woman to play in a PGA Tour event after accepting an invitation on Tuesday to play in the Greater Hartford Open. Her decision comes at a time when women's issues are surrounding the sport. The National Council of Women's Organizations is in a debate with Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters, over the club's refusal to let women become members. Whaley, 36, qualified for the event which will be held in July, after winning the PGA Connecticut Sectional in September.

### College Basketball Season Begins

College basketball is back in full swing, especially in the ACC. After coming off the worst year in their history, North Carolina climbed back into the national rankings by winning the Preseason NIT last week. The Tar Heels defeated second-ranked Kansas and jumped to No. 12 in the latest AP poll. Virginia also cracked the Top 25 after beating Kentucky last week at the Maui Invitational. Duke and Maryland round out the top half of the poll at No. 4 and No. 9 respectively.

### Clifton In Hospital After Controversial Hit From Sapp

After a controversial hit from Tampa Bay defensive tackle Warren Sapp landed Green Bay tackle Chad Clifton in the hospital, the Packers player is still at least three to four weeks away from walking. Clifton was blindsided by Sapp on an interception return Nov. 24 and had to be taken off the field on a body board. Green Bay coach Mike Sherman says it's still too early to tell if Clifton will have any long-term affects from the pelvic injury, but he may need a metal plate inserted into his pelvis.

### Jordan Back In Starting Lineup

Surprise, surprise. Michael Jordan is back in the Washington Wizards starting lineup. The experiment that had Jordan coming off the bench was abandoned for good last Saturday against Philadelphia. The switch worked. Jordan scored 25 points in a win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night, helping the Wizards end a six-game losing streak. Bryon Russell, who Jordan replaced in the lineup, came off the bench to score 16 points in the game.

## Fourth Quarter Comeback Not Enough For Eagles

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Ashlee Courter who had eight points and seven rebounds.

The game began to take a turn for the worst after halftime when the Eagles were down by 23 points.

However, MWC rallied to come within five points during the last minute of the game. Unfortunately, the Saints sank six free throws to clinch the win.

When left open around the outside, the Saints capitalized on most every shot, scoring 18 of their points on three-pointers.

The Eagles had their own secret weapon in three-pointers however, with Olinger sinking three of eight and contributing 15 points to her team's score.

In the end, it was the fundamentals that won the game. The Saints were not necessarily the better team, but most every lay-up was made and the Saints

dominated on the boards as well, with 29 defensive rebounds and 21 offensive rebounds.

The Eagles had only 10 offensive rebounds, which was one of their main weaknesses, but were strong on the defensive board, tallying 30 rebounds.

"When our team's intensity level is high, we play awesome. We are a young team that hasn't had time to play together very much yet. Once we come together and learn how to play as a team, we will be great," Hanks said.

The season has only just begun for this women's squad, and they will look to use their strengths to their advantage to turn the

season around.

Their next game is on Dec. 6 at York College. In the final home game before break, the Eagles will face Richard Stockton College on Dec. 19.

**"Once we come together and learn how to play as a team, we will be great."**

**Laura Hanks**

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a closer look...

**ISSUE: With So Many Cultural Events On Campus, Where Is MWC's Diversity?**

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**13th Annual Multicultural Fair:**  
Date: Saturday, April 5, 2003  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Place: Ball Circle

Attracting approximately three to four thousand people annually, the fair marks Mary Washington College's commitment to enhancing multicultural awareness. Typically held in early April, the fair provides an entire day devoted to multicultural entertainment, children's activities, international and American food, and ethnic craft vendors. Each year Multicultural Student Affairs and the James Farmer Multicultural Center work closely with Mary Washington College student organizations, faculty and staff in planning festivities. Student organizations who work hard all year to put together events that celebrate culture and diversity get a chance on this day to be recognized and celebrated themselves. The Fredericksburg community also plays an integral role, contributing significantly to the ultimate success of the fair.



## Organizations

Asian Student Association (ASA)

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## Opportunities To Celebrate Multiculturalism On Campus

### A Week With The Islamic Student Association



Senior Uzma Enayatulla and junior Hanane El Hilali serve food at the Ramadan banquet.

By OSASU AIRHIAVBERE  
Associate Editor

Imam Abdul Karim knelt on the red and black "sujadah," or prayer rug, facing east towards the city of Mecca. Behind him kneeling on a large white sheet were two young men standing side-by-side whispering prayers to Allah in Arabic. A few feet behind them were six women with their hair and necks covered in clothes called "hijabs" standing in a straight row doing the same.

These men and women were not at the "masjid" or mosque, but instead the Imam was leading the "Maghrib" prayer, which is the post-sun set prayer done during the month of Ramadan after breaking the daily fast, in Virginia Hall parlor. The fast began the beginning of the Ramadan banquet and over 80 students, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, participated or watched in silence.

"The prayer before the banquet was interesting," junior and non-Muslim student Katrina Keitt said. "It was something different than what I am used to in the Catholic religion."

During prayer, it is standard for the Imam to be in front, followed by all the men and then the women behind.

"For us women we like to give our leadership to our men because it shows that we trust them," said Afaf Tomeh, the mother of staff member Chafeek Tomeh.

Afaf Tomeh also went around the room asking students if they had any questions about Islamic traditions. Later on the Imam led a question-and-answer session for the students who were interested.

"He has come to our events in the past and has also been a speaker for last year's Islamic Cultural Week," senior Amina Shafi said.

Before the prayer, Shafi, president of ISA, led those who were fasting to break their fast by eating a date. On Thursday Nov. 14 Muslim and non-Muslim students attended the banquet, which was a part of the Islamic Heritage Week. The week was sponsored by Islamic Students Association (ISA) and Framar International Living Center and lasted from Nov. 11-16.

"We had a Ramadan banquet last year but this year's turnout was amazing. People stayed and not only enjoyed the food and observed the prayer but stayed and asked questions," Shafi said. "It was an event to primarily educate the public about the month of Ramadan. Also, about four or five people after the event asked about more information on Islam and we had a few of these students come to our meeting the following Wednesday."

Shafi said that the dishes were from the international grocery store Bladna Food Imports on Route 3. Some of the dishes that were served were biryani (rice dish), beef and chicken kabobs, daal (lentil soup), baklava, hummus, and falafel.

The Imam Karim also led an information session on Ramadan, which is the fourth of the five pillars of Islam.

The five pillars of Islam include "shahada," the profession of faith that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is his prophet; ritual prayer that is to be conducted at specified hours; "zakat," a mandatory monetary donation to charity; fasting during the month of Ramadan; and the "hajj," which is a pilgrimage

to the holy city of Mecca that all Muslims are required to take at least once in his or her life.

Ramadan is believed by Muslims to be the month that Allah began to reveal the holy Muslim book, the Qur'an, to the Holy Prophet Muhammad.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and during this time period Muslims fast from dawn till sunset. During this fasting period they must abstain from food, drink or any sexual activity. The Imam also explained that Ramadan was mandatory, except for the elderly and those who are sick. The month of Ramadan also has its rewards.

"Muslims are encouraged to do many good deeds because it is seen as 70 good deeds in a regular month," he said.

His speech was followed by a question-and-answer session. During the talk he informed those present about the five pillars and the six principles of Islam.

"I think it was the most important event because it was very interactive and ISA was really pleased to see the people stay for the question-and-answer session," he said.

Islamic Heritage Week began Monday, Nov. 11 with the Henna and Mendhi Night. This event took place from 6-9 p.m. in the Underground. The event was informative about the origins of Henna, which is a form of decorating the hands of Muslim women for cosmetic effect and special cultural events like weddings. Participating students also got the opportunity to decorate their hands with the brownish paste made from henna powder that dries into the designs of Mendhi.

"Henna night began with Professor Aminazavi doing a slideshow lecture on Islamic Art, especially from his travels in Iran," Shafi said. "The Henna night was an open-house style forum for peers wanting to get henna on their hands and learn about its origins."

Shafi said that the other events had a lower turnout than the Henna and Mendhi

Night and the Ramadan Banquet. The other events were a viewing of the film "Beyond Hatred," and a film series and lecture given by Associate Professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion and advisor for the ISA, Medhi Aminazavi titled "When the World Spoke Arabic." The last event, a trip to D.C. to visit

the Islamic Center & Sackler Gallery of Art was canceled because of rain but Shafi said she hopes to reschedule it for next semester.

Students said that the events of the Islamic Heritage week were informative.

"The events gave students the opportunity to learn about Islam and ask questions directly from an Imam," said sophomore Amal Yesuf, publicity chair of ISA. "It was a great way to get a little glimpse of how important Ramadan is to Muslims."

Junior Katrina Keitt agreed and said that she enjoyed learning about a topic of which she knew little previously.

"I went to the slide show, Henna Night, and the Ramadan banquet," Keitt said. "It was interesting because I never really have heard that much about the Islamic culture and all of the events gave us a little taste of what it is like."

According to Shafi, the banquet cost approximately \$500, including the catering, drinks, and dishes.

The next large event in Islamic culture is Eid, which either is on Dec. 4 or 5 depending on the moon. Eid is a holiday celebrated at the end of Ramadan when the new moon brings an end to the month. It is believed by Muslims to be the day that the whole Qur'an was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad.



(Left to right): Lubna Shafi, juniors Hanane El Hilali and Priya Gyani, sophomore Jahanzeb Afzal and staff member Chafeek Tomeh pray with other ISA members before the banquet begins.

The ISA Cultural Week was only one of many events held during Fall 2002 that celebrated the many cultures represented on campus. With so much going on, why is MWC not meeting its stated Multicultural goals?  
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or mosque, but instead the Imam was leading the "Maghrib" prayer, which is the post-sun set prayer done during the month of Ramadan after breaking the daily fast, in Virginia Hall parlor.

# What Does Ramadan Mean To You?



Hanane El Hilali, junior

It is a month that makes me think about those who are fasting the whole year and cannot eat as I do during this month.



Amina Shafi, senior

Ramadan reminds me of the daily blessings that occur everyday and ultimately nurtures a sense of gratitude for this gift of life.



Jahanzeb Afzal, sophomore

Ramadan tests your will and patience and it's a time for family and friends to come together as Muslims to celebrate the month.



Uzma Enayatulla, senior

It's a time for me to reevaluate the importance of material wealth versus spiritual wealth. Plus, there are lots of parties and great food.

## 'Most Homogenous Campus.' But Why?

By ANGELA HAUGHNEY

Assistant Features Editor

When senior Jennifer Rainey first saw the picture on the cover of the 2002 student/faculty directory, she laughed. More than two-thirds of the students were minorities. Was this supposed to be the real face of Mary Washington College?

"It's so terrible and so bad that I just had to laugh at it," Rainey said. "It's a big fat lie." Rainey said pictures like these pop up every year.

"I was like, 'Dear God, not again,'" said Rainey. Rainey said the picture was staged.

"All the minority club members get an email asking us to come out and pose for pictures," said Rainey, who is also the president of the Black Student Association (BSA).

According to Rainey, these "staged" pictures are also published in the admissions books.

"One of the inserts about multiculturalism, [that they give to prospective students], had pictures of students that hadn't been here for three years," she said. "I've never gone to get my picture taken, but it'd be interesting to know how long my picture would be used if I got it taken freshman year."

The Princeton Review Board recently named Mary Washington College as the number one "most homogenous campus." They polled students from both public and private institutions all over the country, asking them, "Is your student body made up of diverse social and ethnic types?"

My-Phuong Pham, junior and president of the Asian Student Association (ASA) said she is surprised at the results.

"We do have a lack of minorities but it's gotten better over the years, in my opinion," Pham said. "I think we do have diversity on campus, maybe not enough but changes like this will take some time."

She also said that she thinks the administration uses pictures like that on the cover of the student and faculty directory to attract more minority students to Mary Washington College.

"If we were to advertise the actual representation I think that could be discouraging to minority students interested in coming to MWC which will counteract with our goal of diversifying the campus," Pham said.

Multicultural Student Counselor Greta Franklin is not sure why the college chose to use that photo.

"It's definitely not representative of the college," Franklin said.

Voice Services Manager Linda Maple, who helped with the publication of this year's directory, says the photo was picked off of the college's website.

"We wanted to depict students and life on campus," she said.

Maple explained that they try to include student life as well as the campus grounds.

"We try to depict something a little different each year," Maple said.

Franklin, an alumna, said she often hears students complaining about the Admissions Office. "They felt they were publishing minorities' pictures for a good image," she said.

Franklin said that she is not shocked that Mary

Washington College is ranked as a homogenous school, but is surprised that it is number one.

"You would think other smaller, private institutions would be more homogenous," Franklin said.

Rainey said that she tries to see the bright side to this statistic.

"If Mary Washington is the worst place, then there's hope," she said.

However, she still feels it is not something this school should be proud of.

"Don't get me wrong. This is definitely bad, but I'm not in fear of the Klan when I turn the corner," she continued.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion and advisor for the Islamic Student Association, said he is concerned with the amount of diversity on this campus.

A member of the full-time faculty for 10 years, Aminrazavi said that he has noticed a slight increase in minorities among the student population.

"But [the amount of diversity] is still less than desired," he said.

Aminrazavi said that he does not understand why Mary Washington College is so homogenous considering its location.

"Fredericksburg is in the suburbs of DC, an international, multicultural city," he said. "It's somewhat peculiar as to why we cannot adequately reflect some of that diversity here, similar to some of the other universities in D.C., like Georgetown or George Washington."

Aminrazavi further said that he does not understand why the college has been able unable to increase its diversity.

"Our tuition is very reasonable and our location is very good," he said. "I'm somewhat puzzled by our inability to bridge the gap and become like some other universities in our area."

As co-director for the Center for Asian Studies, Aminrazavi knows the administration would like to see an increase in the number of minority students.

"I know the interest is there, but somehow that interest has not translated into a diverse student population," Aminrazavi said. "It's a puzzle to me as to why this dream of multiculturalism has not been activated."

Rainey agreed, saying the college has made one of its long-term goals to increase its diversity.

"It's one thing to say it, but it's another to do it," Rainey said.

Based on the student body demographics over the past 10 years, the percentages of minorities have not changed significantly. (See chart below.)

Aminrazavi said that he is confused with the disappointing results.

"If there's a sincere attempt, then what's the problem?" he said. "I know [President] Anderson is interested in seeing more diversity, but somehow

it's not been materialized."

Rainey said that she feels that diversity is more than an increased number of minorities.

"If you have an increase in minorities, and they still only talk to those within their minority group, you haven't increased diversity, you've only added more black people," Rainey said.

Aminrazavi agreed, saying that part of the problem might be within the student body itself.

"You do need a diverse student body who will be interested in different programs, some of which they can identify with," he said. "Since we don't have that diversity, the programs are numerous, but there is no interest. If there is no interest, there will be no motivation to attend these events."

Multicultural Student Counselor Greta Franklin said that she wonders whether this college really does want increased diversity.

"There are still some students that don't want a black or Asian roommate when they come to college," Franklin said.

Franklin said some students want to avoid different cultures and live in a homogenous world.

"You need to peel back the layers and see how much diversity is supported," she said.

When Franklin was a student at Mary Washington College, she saw that the majority of activists

were minority students.

"It was always [the minorities'] problem, specifically African American students," Franklin said.

Franklin also said that she remembers being frustrated with the college atmosphere.

"We felt that our concerns weren't being heard," she said. "People passed them off as being too emotional."

Franklin said that she does not have many fond memories of her college experience.

"I felt like a soldier that was always in a battle. I was always on a panel trying to get issues resolved," she said. "There were very few times that I was having fun because I was always trying to get things done."

If Franklin had so many negative experiences at Mary Washington College, why did she choose to set foot back on this campus?

"I'm here [now] because I know what it's like to go here as a minority student," Franklin said.

Franklin further said that she knows that many minority students today experience what she went through when she was a student.

"A lot of [minority] students feel alienated or singled out in class," she said. "It's like, 'you feel this way because you're Black,' not because you're a student or an individual."

Franklin said that many minority students here have less of a connection with the faculty and with the college in general.

**"If Mary Washington is the worst place, then there's hope."**

Jennifer Rainey

## The Numbers Tell A Lot: Average 89% White For Ten Years

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Pre-census-02
Black	4%	4.1%	4.6%	5%	4.9%	4.3%	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%	4%
American Indian	.2%	.2%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.2%	.3%	.4%	.4%
Asian/Pacific Rim	2.4%	2.7%	3.4%	3%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%
Hispanic	1.5%	1.9%	1.9%	2%	1.9%	2%	1.8%	2.5%	2.3%	2.6%	2.6%
White	91%	90.2%	89%	88.7%	89%	89.5%	89.8%	89.2%	89%	88.4%	88.1%
International	.9%	.8%	.9%	.9%	.4%	.3%	.1%	.4%	.4%	.4%	.3%
Total Students	3696	3791	3727	3755	3745	3840	3806	4000	4282	4483	4720

### Editor's Note:

The percentages in this chart were taken from numbers given to *The Bulletin* by the Office of Planning, Assessment, & Institutional Research.

# A Rise Below The Rest

## Low-rise Jeans Are The Craze On Campus

By ANGELA HAUGHNEY  
Assistant Features Editor

The first day of the spring semester, I walked into my Human Physiology class and sat right behind a...behind. The girl in front of me had obviously purchased one of the lower versions of the latest low-rise jeans. She even had special underwear that barely showed a string with three red beads. Later that day, I saw four more butts. These girls must have had the special low cut underwear because there was nothing there to cover their cracks.

Later that week, I went to Express and noticed the only pants they sold were low-rise. All the teen-age girls in the store wore low-rise jeans. Wherever I turned, both the pants and the butt cleavage that comes along with them were in my face. Since it's not the fashion capital of the world, when a trend finally arrives in Fredericksburg, I know that it has gone mainstream.

I realized that I would have to get used to seeing more butt cleavage. However, I could not have prepared myself for the enormous popularity of these pants. Low-rise pants have arrived, but they are not everyone thinks they should be as popular as they are. Although many proudly sport the lowly slung slacks, others think they go a little too far south.

### Invasion of the Butt Cracks

The rise of a pair of pants is the distance between the waist and the crotch. On an average pair of pants, the rise is nine inches. A pair of regular-cut Levi's has a 10 inch rise. The average rise in a pair of low-rise pants is six inches.

Some designers try to see how low people will actually go. Daniella Clarke, designer of Frankie B. jeans, markets some of the lowest jeans. There are four and even three inch rises. Pants cut that low leave little to the imagination.

Two years ago, pop stars such as Mariah Carey started ripping the waistbands off their pants to expose more skin. This prompted teen-agers all across the country to do it as well. More and more stomachs were exposed, showing off the

"Whenever we pick up a style from the past, it changes because the times have changed." According to Ingham, in the past, women's figures were "softer," but now women are stronger and more athletic.

In addition to their washboard stomachs, women show off pierced navels.

"I definitely think the style is more aggressive than before," Ingham said.

### Segregation of Pants

It was hard for me to find a store that does not carry low-rise pants.

Emily Bierlein, representative of the Express store in Spotsylvania Mall told me they only sell low-rise pants.

"The company has discontinued the other styles," she said.

I told her she was being discriminatory towards the other pants. She looked at me smugly and walked off.

I'm not the only one who's disappointed in the lack of selection. "The only kind of jeans they sell at Old Navy is low-rise," said senior Mary Snedeker.

The major designers keep coming out with their own version of low-rise. Lee is selling the Riveted by Lee Low Rise jean. Levi's is marketing their "Superlow" version with commercials of belly buttons singing "I'm Coming Out," and the "Give Your Hips a Hug" campaign. Low-rise pants are so common now, it's no longer a fad, it's now the norm.

Last fall, Jennifer Lopez launched her new clothing line, which features not only low-rise pants, but low-rise skirts as well. For the spring, low-slung shorts are offered in a variety of styles. However, I noticed that the shorts were not only lowly slung, but they were also very short. The shorts were cut low in the waist but cut high in the leg. Pretty soon, people will just be walking around in nothing more than underwear.

Designers are now marketing special underwear to go with low-rise pants. For some of the super low pants, it's often necessary. There is underwear cut extra low so that it stays hidden. With this kind of underwear, the only thing that is visible is the butt crack. However, there is another kind of underwear designed to purposely be visible. Designers are even putting beads and other ornaments on this underwear as accessories. At Victoria's Secret, you can design your own underwear with accessories and colors to match your complete outfit. Now it's no longer your significant other and your roommate that only see your underwear, it's the whole world.

### Calling All Butts

For practical reasons, many petite women prefer low-rise pants because they fit their bodies better. Low-rise pants seem to be more comfortable on women with shorter torsos.

"The thing I like about low-rise pants is that they don't ride up too high," said senior Alex Lambert.

"They just fit me better because I'm short." Senior and Bullet Staff Writer Abbie Macatuno was one of those teen-agers who cut the waistbands off her pants. "I have a short torso to begin with, so the regular pants would irritate my belly button ring and it would get caught all the time," she said.

So when designers actually started to market low-rise pants, Macatuno was one of the first in line.

### Showing Too Much Skin?

Although many people choose to wear these pants for comfort or style, there is an implied statement that comes along with wearing them. "They're an unequivocal sex invite," Snedeker said.

Indeed, the extremely low-rise pants cover the minimum and bare the maximum.

"I don't like them because it shows your underwear all the time," said senior Rachelle Chretien.

"For that reason it's inappropriate, not because it shows your midriff. They don't go well with all types of shirts, because if they don't go low enough, you can see your underwear when you sit down," she said.

Others are concerned about the advertising messages these pants send off.

"They make it seem like only really skinny people with perfect stomachs can wear them," said senior Lauryn Pullan. "I mean, those are the kinds of people in the commercials, and they look good!"

However, low-rise pants are not just for

the skinny

model-types.

Designers such

as Lane Bryant

are now

offering them in

a variety of

sizes, for all

body types.

Longer shirts can

be paired with

these low-slung pants if someone doesn't feel comfortable exposing her stomach.

Others are just overwhelmed with the lack of selection in stores now.

"I think it's unfair that that's all that's being offered now. I don't necessarily want pants high on my waist. Below the belly button is fine, but I don't want it too low," Chretien said.

However, there is a line that some refuse to cross. "Some [pants] are too low, and I don't wear the super low-rise ones, only the ones that will just sit at my hips," said Macatuno.

### The Look Is Here to Stay

Even if these pants suddenly went out of style, Macatuno says she would continue to wear them. "I'm not trying to make a statement, these pants just suit my body type," she said.

Levi's Strauss communications manager John Ordonez says that they offer low-rise in every category, including children's and men's.

"It's definitely a hot seller, especially in the juniors category," he said. Ordonez enjoys low-rise jeans himself because, "It's a comfortable fit and I like the way they look," he said. Ordonez owns approximately 50 pairs of jeans, and five or six of them are low-rise. "I'm wearing them



right now, actually," he said in a recent phone interview.

"At Levi's, we look at it not as a trend, but more of an evolution," said Ordonez.

And what of the future for low-rise pants? "It's an old-school, sexy rock and roll look," said Ordonez. "Even guys are going for it now. I would like to say the look will be around forever, but in reality, it will probably be with us for three more years."

Low-rise pants are an evolution? I don't think I'd go that far. Every trend makes an impact and influences future styles. But to say that low-rise pants will change the future of fashion forever? Honestly, I feel that we, the consumers, determine the future of fashion. If we don't like something, we don't buy it. If it doesn't sell, it dies out. So, don't be surprised that if in three years, your low-rise pants will suddenly become dust rags. I just hope they don't get any lower by the time we reach that point.

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on this opportunity. Soon, low-rise pants were

everywhere, filling shelves from the Gap to Saks

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available in every color, pattern, and wash

imaginable.

Since celebrities and teen-agers had already

been making their own makeshift low-risers, the

look was practically a guaranteed success.

According to their website, Levi's Strauss &

Co.'s "Super Low" jeans were selling four times

as fast as the other styles in December 2001.

Fashion Historian and Assistant Professor of

Theatre and Dance Kevin McCluskey said that

low-rise pants are not a new phenomenon.

"What we have now are directly related to the

styles of the 1970s called hip huggers," he said.

The pop icons of the new millennium have

only copied the former rock stars of the 1960s

and 1970s. In other words, Britney Spears is

taking fashion tips from Mick Jagger.

"There's a tendency for people in their 20s to

think that what they wear is new and inventive,

but of course nothing in fashion is," said

Rosemary Ingham, fashion historian and retired

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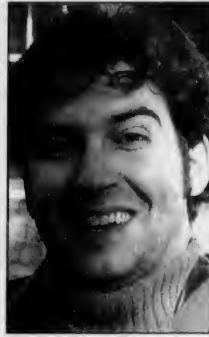
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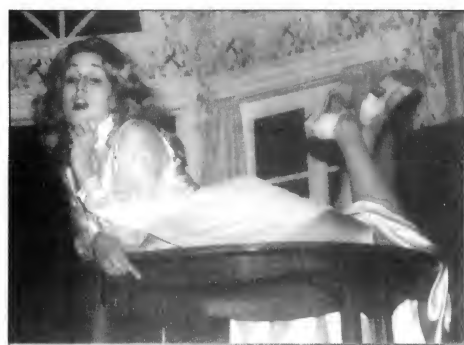


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## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

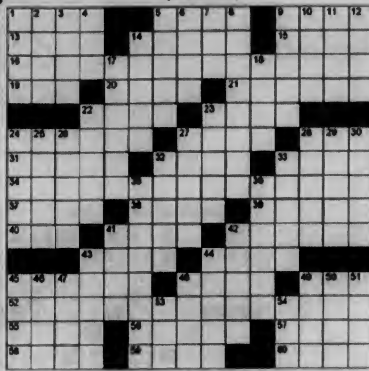
## Yuletide Greetings

## Across

- 1 Doctrines
- 5 Mother
- 9 Thin strip of wood
- 13 Acquired
- 14 Type of power
- 15 Land unit
- 16 Clement Moore, for one
- 19 Tool
- 20 Rotating mechanisms
- 21 Retrievers and Boxers
- 22 Heroic tale
- 23 Deceiver
- 24 Sweeping tool
- 27 Distribute cards
- 28 Newscaster Russert
- 31 Sum up
- 32 Advertising board
- 33 Nude
- 34 Charles Dickens's work
- 37 Mongrels
- 38 Money box
- 39 In the past
- 40 Before
- 41 Itsy-bitsy
- 42 African fly
- 43 Common people
- 44 Follows junk
- 45 Get away
- 48 Oven
- 49 Piglet's friend
- 52 Santa's treat
- 55 Transport
- 56 Loses at pin ball
- 57 Internet addresses
- 58 Bookies' ratio
- 59 Lyric poems
- 60 Snitches

## Down

- 1 Restless desire
- 2 NYC district
- 3 Additional
- 4 Comes before lift or pole
- 5 Mother
- 6 Poor thing!



- 7 Advanced degrees
- 8 Yomom residents
- 9 Tardier
- 10 Yearn
- 11 Trampled
- 12 Towel word
- 14 Bachelor affairs
- 17 Shrimp dish
- 18 Russian river
- 22 Glides
- 23 Legitimate
- 24 Support
- 25 Happen again
- 26 Orange-yellow color
- 27 Indistinctly
- 28 Fortune telling cards
- 29 Presses
- 30 Disturbance
- 32 Reek
- 33 NYC doughnut
- 35 Dagger
- 36 Vegas sight
- 41 Spinning toys
- 42 Powders
- 43 Breaks down

- 44 Fogs
- 45 Repeat
- 46 Fish
- 47 Muck
- 48 Edible plant
- 49 Gumbo ingredient
- 50 Droop
- 51 Smaller in amount
- 53 At the center
- 54 \_\_\_\_ Town

## Quotable Quote

*A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.*

... Garrison Keillor

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## You Just Don't Get It

Dear Editor:

I felt compelled to respond to the editorial "A One-Stop College" (Nov. 14) as a full-time student, mother of three, and wife. First of all, it's not a feminist issue, it's a parent issue. Obviously, I'm all for a child-care program at the college. It would be excellent "hands-on" practice and experience for those in the education and psychology programs.

I've noticed, especially in recent years, that MWC has increased its pursuit of the adult student. The problem is that the main campus doesn't offer many evening classes. Those of us with young children at home, or day jobs, have a hard time fitting day classes into our lives. Not to mention the cost of daycare. And if we restrict ourselves only to night classes we push back

graduating another one to two years (if not more).

Just so I'm clear, reader, we're not asking for a car services center, a dry cleaners, a grocery store, a pharmacy, a hair salon, or every other "possible service needed for every single person who works or studies here." What we're asking for is a little consideration for a population that the college is actively recruiting. If you want more adults to enter your programs, you have to make the programs appealing and workable for adult lives. If other colleges are able to work out the kinks, why can't MWC figure it out?

*BJ DuBois is a junior.*

## Sameness Strikes Again

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staff members. Of those 75, four attended, one of which was our sponsor. How is it that we can purport ourselves to be in support of diversity and yet refuse to attend cultural events?

MWC is a small college where the faculty know the names of their students, and strong bonds between students and faculty are formed. Yet rarely does the faculty leave the classroom to connect with their students or show support for their activities and interests outside of the classroom. How is it that of 75 invitations sent, only four staff members attended?

How is it that of 75 invitations sent out, only four staff members felt that our program was worthwhile enough to participate in? Not a single professor from a single department attended this event, despite the fact that extensive measures were taken to assure that they were notified well in advance of the event.

The poor faculty attendance was nothing compared to the poor student attendance. Often

students discuss the homogeneity of the student body, and express their interest in more diversity. And yet, when the BSA holds an event like Kwanzaa, the students seem to forget their desire for diversity.

The excuse that many students feel that they are not necessarily "welcome" to a BSA event is just that—an excuse. We have been perfectly clear about our acceptance of all races, cultures, and ethnicities. There is no reason why we should have to "sell" our events to others, or make ourselves "more accessible" to the student body. We don't hold secret meetings, or refuse entry to other students that wish to participate. We have a very diverse membership, in which black students barely constitute the majority. That said, it is ridiculous to suggest that Kwanzaa and other BSA events are held only for black people. Are there events on this campus held only for white

students? Absolutely not...and I would hate to think that others would assume that the BSA would hold an event that was limited to their race.

In the same way that residential students feel comfortable attending a commuting student cookout, and Hispanic students are comfortable enough to attend Taste of Asia, all students should recognize that any event held by the Black Student Association is open to all students. We are appalled by MWC's lack of support and participation, especially in the wake of our college's renewed commitment to diversity. We hope that in future, all students, faculty, staff, and administration will feel that cultural events like Kwanzaa are worthy of their time and support.

*Jen Rainey is a senior and the president of the BSA.*

*Ted Lewis is a junior and the vice-president of the BSA.*

*Ryan Butts is a sophomore and the secretary of the BSA.*

## The Weekly Wassup

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## THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

Connie Smith reads poems by Gwendolyn Brooks Combs 139 PM	Meditation Workshop Leidecker Center for Asian Studies Trinkle B39 4:00 PM		SPCA work 10:30 AM Monroe Circle	Polish Lessons Noon in the Writing Center	5 Alive Baptist Student Union 5 PM	
Public Debate: Is military action against Iraq warranted? Combs 139 7:30	Night of Elegance Great Hall 9-12 PM \$5 single/\$8 couple		Frames Per Second Yellowbeard Combs 139 7 PM FREE	Black Student Association 5:00 PM Meeting Room #4		
Commuting Student Association Tan Room 5 PM	FREE show at the Under-ground This Day's Trouble, Power Bill, and Temporary Basement Please bring canned food			Break Dancing Goolrick Studio 4 8:30 PM FREE LESSONS!		
	Dance Team Tryouts 4-6 PM Goolrick Hall dance studios					



# Nightmares Without Night Haven

## Students, Administrators Rally For Program's Return

By TIFFANY MARSH  
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College officials and students are in support of the return of a modified program like Night Haven, an on-campus student run drunk-tank used by police as an alternative to jail.

The program's funding was cut last year because its location in the basement of Madison Hall was a potential fire hazard, and the students who volunteered to work at Night Haven had little to no training.

"The police are working with Dr. Ray Tuttle, Residence Life, the Mary Washington Hospital, and fire and rescue to develop a concept that brings back Night Haven with a lot more controls and factors that would benefit everyone," Mary Washington College Police Director Jim Harris said. "It would be an alternative to arresting them, sending them to a hospital, or doing nothing."

Harris stressed that a return of Night Haven is only conceptual at this point.

Raymond Tuttle, director of Judicial Affairs and Community Responsibility, agreed.

"We are trying to do something similar to Night Haven, but it depends on the funding," Tuttle said. "We would feel more comfortable if professionals were involved with it, but we can't exactly do that with the \$250 students were allotted to run Night Haven in previous years."

Students who have been drinking can be referred to the police by a staff member, like a resident assistant, or can be stopped on campus walk.

"The police are called when someone has had a bit too much," Harris said. "We assess the situation, and if they need assistance or medical attention, they go to MWC hospital. If a person has an alcohol content of less than .02, and is not in danger, we refer them to administration."

Taking a student to Night Haven was formerly an option instead of sending them to jail.



The basement of Madison Hall formerly housed Night Haven, which catered to mostly intoxicated underage students.

According to Harris, for those under the age of 21, .02 percent is the legal limit of Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), and for those over 21, the legal limit is .08 percent while driving. An underage person with a BAC level over .02 percent will be arrested and taken to the Rappahannock Regional jail system.

Previously, the police paged student volunteers if someone needed to go to Night Haven.

Junior Ted Lewis was one such volunteer.

"I would stay up with them until their BAC level went to or below a .02," he said. "Night Haven gave students a place other than jail to sober up, and it was a safe place where students could go instead of

getting sick in their dorms and maybe getting hurt or being in danger."

According to college police, by this time last year, four people were arrested and taken to jail for alcohol related problems, while so far this year, 13 people have been arrested for the same reason.

"I don't know if we can draw any conclusions from them at this time though," Harris said regarding the rise in statistics.

Tuttle said that a program like Night Haven would be a better option than arresting a student.

"Jail is not the most pleasant experience, and sometimes it's not the most beneficial," Tuttle said.

"It can be educational sometimes, but I don't think it's the best way."

According to the Office of Judicial Affairs and Community Responsibility, in the 2001 - 2002 school year, there were 114 on-campus violations in which alcohol was involved. Of the 114, 110 of these violations involved underage students.

Students agreed that an on-campus alternative to jail is necessary.

"If people think they might get arrested if they come back to campus, they might not return home," junior Denise Arce said. "Night Haven was a good place to sober people up without scaring them to death, like being taken to jail might."

"I think it is a very valuable program, though I would like to see better training of the staff. Some of us didn't have CPR certification," former volunteer Lewis said. "A better facility with more information for the people who came there is needed too."

"If people think they might get arrested if they come back to campus, they might not return home," junior Carolyn Huckaby said. "Sending people to Night Haven who are on their way to their dorm is pointless."

"Ordinarily we would not stop a student on campus," Harris said. "Though if an individual is in plain view and is slurring his speech, staggering, or is disoriented, we would conduct a brief investigation."

Judicial Affairs then decides if a violation has occurred and what the punishment should be.

According to Tuttle, for the first violation a student must take an alcohol education class called Happy Hour. For the second offense, a student usually receives community restitution, which is similar to community service hours, and is carried out in association with the police or Facility Services Landscaping and Grounds.

Finally, for the third violation, students are sanctioned to an alcohol education class named Last Call.

According to Judicial Affairs, last year, 111 students took Happy Hour, 18 students received community restitution, and 18 did Last Call.

# Faculty Senate Push Proposal For New Course Evaluation

By PRISCILLA TOMESCU  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate met yesterday to consider a proposal for a new course evaluation questionnaire, which would replace the SIR II, the previous evaluation questionnaire.

The new questionnaire was first created by a subcommittee of the Teaching Innovation Program members Associate Professor of English Mary Rigby, Associate Professor of Mathematics Suzanne Sumner, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair and Associate Professor of Geology Jodie Hayob, and Associate Professor of History Allyson Poska. The questionnaire was sent to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further modifications.

A copy of the evaluation form and a letter of rationale was then sent to all faculty members and to the student representative to the Faculty Senate Moses Asamoah. If approved, the new evaluation may be implemented in either Spring or Fall 2003.

"The Dean of the Faculty cancelled the evaluation instrument that was currently in use during the early part of the fall semester as a cost-saving measure. This was done without the knowledge of, or input from, the faculty," the letter reports.

This is not the first time that a new evaluation has been proposed. Professor of Psychology David

MacEwen said that last year he and other faculty members worked on developing a new evaluation.

"We designed it to be compatible with the SIR II," MacEwen said.

It was based on SIR II questions and tested on over 200 students during Spring 2002, but was not approved.

Previously, SIR II evaluation scores were sent to Educational Testing Service, which charged the school close to \$16,000 to process the scores. Though a definite amount could not be determined, the new proposal would cost much less.

"This is an internal process, as opposed to the SIR II, which was external," Rigby said.

"With the new proposal, the school would process the scores itself instead of paying a service for the task," said Ernest Ackermann, professor of Computer Science.

However, according to Hayob, costs are not a central concern.

"The faculty don't think the costs are that relevant. We feel the best form should be used regardless of cost," she said.

Many professors voiced an optimistic view of the proposal.

"There were so many problems with the SIR II that this has got to be better," Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Language Ana Chichester said.

Part of the problem with the SIR II was that it was often not applicable to certain courses, a target the subcommittee hoped to improve.

"The new proposal is fairly simple, and it provides the opportunity for departments to ask their own questions that they are interested in," Rigby said.

In the proposal, the new questionnaire consists of one section of six questions focusing on the teacher, and one section of six questions focusing on the student's experience. The third section gives the professor the option of asking five questions of his or her own, and concludes with a section on student comments.

"Its most important element is that it tailors to different disciplines," Chichester said.

Assistant Professor of English Warren Rochelle said he was optimistic about the proposal.

"It looks like a good tool to consider," he said.

Student input, however, was absent from the creation of the proposal, an issue Hayob wanted to address.

"Let me emphasize that the main reason student input was not sought was because of the time crunch we were under," Hayob said. "In addition, most of the faculty involved with this new form felt that there are certain issues that students are not really in a position to evaluate."

MacEwen added that the problem with the new evaluations is that they have no compatibility with each other, so new faculty have no scale against which to measure their progress.

"It's not fair to young professors. It's ridiculous to have three different evaluations in three semesters—it's like [comparing] apples and oranges and bananas," he said.

"If the administration tells us they will not pay for the SIR II form, we really have no choice but to come up with an alternative," Hayob said.

She added that just as some faculty like or dislike the SIR II, there is no single form that all the faculty will support.

The meeting was held after this article was submitted and thus, results of the meeting were not available.

**The new proposal is fairly simple, and it provides the opportunity for departments to ask their own questions that they are interested in.**

Mary Rigby

# No Minors Program For Now

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program at the college. Additionally, 87 percent of students surveyed said that a minor would make the college more attractive to prospective students.

Hubbard also said that according to Career Services, a minor can make a student look more attractive to prospective employers.

Stephen Farnsworth, associate professor of Political Science, said that he felt a minors program would cause additional scheduling problems and that students would take additional credits in a discipline outside of their major regardless of whether or not the college has a formal minors program.

"If students want to take 15 hours [in a discipline], they'll take 15 hours," Farnsworth said.

Roy Gratz, distinguished professor of Chemistry, added that if a student has a substantial concentration in another discipline, he recommends that he or she say they have an informal minor on their resume.

"Trouble is, the rest of the world looks for it on the record," he said.

W. Brown Morton III, professor of Historic Preservation, said that if a department chooses

not to have a minor it might not be received well by students interested in that department.

"It puts the department in a negative light," Morton said.

The committee also discussed the chance that smaller departments with double majors might lose those students to a minor and eventually lose the entire major at the college. According to the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV), if a major does not graduate at least five students every year for five years then the major could be dropped.

Helen Housley, senior lecturer of Theatre and Dance, said that many of their majors double due to the wishes of parents or others funding the student's education. She said she fears that by adding minors, they might lose those students.

"We might lose a considerable number of majors not because of the student's choice, but because of others," Housley said.

Moses Asamoah, ACC student representative, said that since the college has never had a minors program, he doesn't see why it shouldn't be tried.

"It takes the students who want a minor to take it," he said. "Why can't we have this option for students who want it?"



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